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### ***Transportation Update***

***June 2005***

#### **Schedule and Process for 2006 STIP Adopted**

The CMA has adopted a set of principles for considering projects for the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program and a schedule. The CMA's principles call for first reviewing projects already included in the STIP. This review will be followed by more specific guidance on the submittal of new projects after the California Transportation Commission provides an estimate of available funds and additional guidance on its requirements. After a list of candidate projects has been developed, all projects will be evaluated on such things as readiness and CMA adopted priorities. The tentative schedule for STIP development by the CMA includes the following key milestones:

- early July – information on existing projects submitted to CMA
- mid July – release of call for new projects, as appropriate, following CTC estimate of available funding
- mid August – information on new projects submitted to CMA
- September – CMA adopts draft program
- October – CMA adopts final program and submits to MTC

This schedule is subject to change depending on the guidance provided by the CTC and MTC. CTC guidance will be subject to the outcome of State budget negotiations.

#### **CMA Adopts Overall Process for Lifeline Transportation Program**

MTC has designated the CMAs and/or other countywide entities as administering agencies for the initial three years of the Lifeline Transportation Program. The Program will address transportation needs

of low-income people. MTC will allocate \$4.1 million to Alameda County over three years. The CMA and ACTIA have agreed to jointly administer this program. ACTIA provides funding for transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, many of whom are low income. The CMA has developed one community based transportation plan in central county and is starting another in the West Oakland area. The CMA and ACTIA have initiated discussions to coordinate the administration of the Lifeline program, with CMA administering capital funds and ACTIA administering operating funds. A call for projects is expected in November 2005, with a draft program tentatively scheduled for February 2006. A final program is planned for March 2006.

#### **CMA Approves Local Road Funding**

At its June meeting, the CMA adopted a program of local road rehabilitation, safety and other projects totaling \$6.4 million. Funding for this program comes from the CMA's exchange program and MTC's federal surface transportation program. Projects include:

- Various pavement rehabilitation projects throughout the county
- Signal and traffic calming to improve safety around schools
- Bike safety projects
- Traffic calming to improve safety in neighborhoods
- Operations and maintenance of the Smart corridors program

The majority of this funding will go to rehabilitation projects. Many of the pavement rehabilitation projects also include striping for bicycle lanes. A full list of the projects is available on the CMA's website.

## Travel Choice Pilot Project

The Transportation & Land Use Coalition (TALC) has asked the CMA to act as the official public agency sponsor for an application to the Air District for regional TFCA funds for a demonstration of the TravelChoice project. This pilot project includes an individualized marketing campaign to find and target interested participants and identify personalized transportation options for households. The pilot program will target two areas – the Fruitvale district of Oakland and east Alameda. At its June meeting, the CMA agreed to act as the official sponsor for this innovative project.

## Legislation

SB 172 (Torlakson) – This bill would specify a cost sharing agreement between toll payers and the state to complete the toll bridge seismic retrofit program. The bill would split the identified shortfall of about \$3.5 billion on an approximately 50-50 basis between toll payers and the state. The bulk of the state contribution would come from passage of a statewide bond measure as planned in SB 1024 (Perata). A \$1 toll increase would fund the regional share. The bill would also consolidate all tolls under MTC acting as the Bay Area Toll Authority. The CMA supports SB 172.

AB 697 (Oropeza) – In any year in which a Budget Act has not yet been enacted by July 1, this bill would require all previously appropriated transportation funds to be continuously appropriated until a budget is enacted. The intent is to avoid delays and disruptions in work on transportation projects and to avoid the associated costs and consequences. The CMA supports this bill.

## Deadlines to Note

2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

*Updated Information Sheets  
for Existing STIP Projects  
Call for new projects  
New Project Submittal Due*

*July 1<sup>st</sup>  
mid July  
mid August*

<i>Draft Program Adopted by CMA</i>	<i>Sept 22<sup>nd</sup></i>
<i>Final Program Adopted by CMA</i>	<i>Oct 22<sup>nd</sup></i>
<i>MTC Adopts Regional Program</i>	<i>November</i>
<i>MTC Program submitted to CTC</i>	<i>December</i>

<u>Lifeline Transportation Program (\$4.1 million)</u>	
<i>Call for Projects</i>	<i>November 2005</i>
<i>Draft Program</i>	<i>February 2006</i>
<i>Final Program</i>	<i>March 2006</i>

<u>Congestion Management Program – 2005 Update</u>	
<i>Draft</i>	<i>July 2005</i>
<i>Final</i>	<i>September 2005</i>

## Upcoming Meetings

<i>July</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>11</i>	<i>CMA Administration &amp; Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>11</i>	<i>CMA Plans &amp; Programs Committee</i>
	<i>13/14</i>	<i>CTC (San Diego)</i>
	<i>28</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Tri Valley Triangle Analysis Policy Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>17/18</i>	<i>CTC (Sacramento)</i>

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